



Welcome

Welcome to this week's newsletter

A note from the Executive Director

Full details of this year's Summer School, to be held at the University of Birmingham from Sunday 19 to Friday 24 August 2007, will be issued to the NHS next week, but applications can be made now using the online forms which can be found by clicking [here](#). The School is designed to provide a course for staff on Grades 3, 4 and 5, or the equivalent, who are employed in healthcare procurement.

This year, as part of our constant effort to improve the standard, a number of changes have been made to the curriculum - in consultation with Ian Shepherd, the Chairman of our Training and Development Group - to reflect the changing healthcare environment.

At the end of the School, participants will be able to demonstrate an understanding of the:

- Current drivers for change in NHS procurement and their context
- Sustainability agenda and priorities for change
- Impact of the Law of Contract on procurement
- EU Directives on procurement
- Supply chain that supports NHS outcomes
- Need for marketing and promotion of effective procurement
- Organisational constructs and collaborative teamwork required to deliver procurement outcomes
- Recent developments in the NHS procurement landscape that are focused on quality and value benefits

The course fee of £650 + VAT covers all charges for the duration of the course and offers excellent value for money.

I hope that you will support the School by selecting and encouraging your staff to attend and look forward to receiving your nominations.

John Smith
Executive Director

News

Pledge on cancer waiting times

Cancer patients across Scotland have been given a pledge by the new Scottish Government that waiting time targets would be fully met by the end of 2007. [More...](#)

North East Lincolnshire PCT awarded Care Trust Plus status

North East Lincolnshire Primary Care Trust (PCT) and North East Lincolnshire Council are pleased to announce that the PCT has been granted ministerial approval to form a Care Trust from 1 September 2007. [More...](#)

Website questionnaire on Foundation Trust plans

Local people in Norfolk and Waveney are being invited to comment online regarding proposals for the Trust that runs Cromer and the Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital to become an NHS Foundation Trust. [More...](#)

New package of training and support for junior doctors

Following the Judicial Review findings, Secretary of State for Health Patricia Hewitt announced that job offers for junior doctors applying for specialist recruitment will start. Speaking in the House of Commons she said:

"I am pleased to say that offers for the extended first round of specialist recruitment will start. Interviews for the current round should be completed by the end of May and all initial offers for hospital specialties will be made locally by the postgraduate deaneries, between now and 7 June 2007." [More...](#)

NHS Lothian in £2 million investment to tackle killer diseases

People with long-term conditions will be among the first to benefit from a major new strategy to modernise primary care services in Lothian. [More...](#)

MRSA cases fall by a third at Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital

The Board of the Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital NHS Trust are to hear that the number of MRSA cases at the Trust's hospitals has fallen by a third over recent years. [More...](#)

Training for the NHS workforce

The Department of Health and the Department for Education and Skills have announced arrangements for the management of NHS training budgets by Strategic Health Authorities in England in 2007-08. [More...](#)

News can be read at: <http://www.healthcaresupply.org.uk>

This Week's Reports

[Therapeutic Sialendoscopy Guidance](#)

The National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence has issued full guidance to the NHS on therapeutic sialendoscopy.

Microwave Ablation for the Treatment of Metastases in the Liver

The National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence has issued full guidance to the NHS on microwave ablation for the treatment of metastases in the liver.

Second Progress Report on the Renal National Service Framework

This report celebrates the achievements of the renal community and the Department of Health over the period from late 2005 until early 2007. It looks at areas where radical change has been achieved, such as improved facilities and prevention and early detection of chronic kidney disease.

Independence, Choice and Risk: A guide to best practice in supported decision-making

This best practice guide is for everyone involved in supporting adults (18 and over) using health and social care within any setting, whether community or residential, in the public, independent or voluntary sectors. This includes all NHS staff working in multidisciplinary or joint teams.

Reports can be found at:

<http://www.healthcaresupply.org.uk/reports/>

Events

National Public Procurement Practitioners Day (N3PD) 2007

Sir Michael Lyons, author of the hugely influential Lyons Inquiry into the future role, function and funding of local government and the recently appointed Chair of the BBC Trust, will take to the stage in London next week at one of public procurement's most prestigious annual events.

As keynote speaker, Sir Michael will address hundreds of procurement professionals gathering on Wednesday 6 June for National Public Procurement Practitioners Day (N3PD) 2007, which celebrates the success of those working within all areas of public procurement.

Sir Michael will be joined by Dr Neil Bentley, Director of Public Services at the Confederation of British Industry (CBI), and Dr Vincent Cable, Shadow Chancellor and Deputy Leader of the Liberal Democrats.

N3PD also encompasses the announcement of the eagerly awaited results of the *Government Opportunities (GO)* Excellence in Public Procurement Awards. *GO* magazine is media partner to N3PD.

Organised by BiP Solutions Ltd, one of Europe's leading providers of procurement services, N3PD and the *GO* Awards honour the role of

procurement professionals and the part they play in delivering effective public services.

Bringing together representatives from across the public procurement spectrum, the Awards recognise the efforts made to deliver ever-improving procurement services. More efficient procurement can mean more nurses in hospitals, more police officers on the streets and even lower council tax bills.

Grahame Steed, Managing Editor of *GO* magazine, said: "Public procurement practitioners have an essential role to play in making public spending in the UK as cost-efficient and effective as possible, so I am pleased that their hard work and talent will be recognised by N3PD and the *GO* Awards."

For more information on N3PD and the *GO* Awards please visit www.n3pd.com

Update your diary by visiting

<http://www.healthcaresupply.org.uk/events/index.htm>

Discussion Forum

Do you have a burning issue or a hot topic that you wish to share with members? Then why not post it on the Discussion Forum in the members area of the website.

To read the current topics, or to begin your own discussions, visit the Health Care Supply Association Discussion Forum by clicking [here](#)

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